

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Adoption of Children

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the new adoption guidelines notified by the Government along with in-country and inter-country adoption of children including adoption by single parents and orphanage societies reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether several missionaries/NGOs including Missionaries of Charity have discontinued adoption work in the country after notification of new guidelines, if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government to further revise the adoption guidelines to remove cumbersome adoption procedure and to rein such missionaries/NGOs in adoption work;
- (c) whether the Government has launched foster care scheme for orphan children and assists adoption centres to overcome their genuine difficulties in new adoption guidelines and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether several placement agencies are reported to be involved in fraudulent activities in child adoption process and offering adoption to foreign couples without the permission of their biological guardians; and
- (e) if so, the number of complaints reported in this regard during the said period, State/UT-wise along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a): Some of the salient features of the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children-2015 include provisions for making the entire adoption process online, treating NRI prospective adoptive parents at par with the domestic Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs), reducing the timeframe for completion of Home Study Report from two months to one month, authorizing all Specialised Adoption Agencies both for in-country and inter-country adoption. As per the information provided by Central Adoption Resource Authority, the number of children placed under in-country and inter-country adoption during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(b): The Missionaries of Charity, has communicated to the Central Adoption Resource Authority that they have decided to suppress all of their adoption centres in India due to their inability to comply with the new Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015, as there are other agencies which are doing the same work in the locations where they have their centres. Due care has been taken under the provisions of the Adoption Guidelines, 2015 to make the entire Adoption process online, transparent and hassle free.

(c): The Ministry of Women and Child Development had issued the Model Guidelines for Foster Care, 2015 to be adopted/adapted by the States/UTs as per their requirement. Some of the measures undertaken by Central Adoption Resource Authority to assist adoption centres to overcome their genuine difficulties in New Adoption Guidelines include orientation programmes on the New Adoption Guidelines; capacity building programmes for various stakeholders; hands-on training on the online adoption process through the Central Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System (CARINGS); timely resolution of the queries of the adoption centres;

(d): Central Adoption Resource Authority has reported that they have not received any such complaints.

(e): Does not arise.
